

OPINION 1040

ONISCIDIA MÖRCH, 1852 (MOLLUSCA):
PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL LIST

RULING.—(1) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Oniscidia* Mörch, 1852 (gender: feminine), type-species by monotypy, *Oniscia cancellata* Sowerby, 1824 (Name No. 2014);
- (b) *Morum* Röding, 1798 (gender: neuter), type-species by monotypy, *Morum purpureum* Röding, 1798 (Name No. 2015).

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *cancellata* Sowerby, 1824, as published in the binomen *Oniscia cancellata* (the specific name of the type-species of *Oniscidia* Mörch, 1852) (Name No. 2553);
- (b) *oniscus* Linnaeus, 1767, as published in the binomen *Strombus oniscus* (Name No. 2554).

(3) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Oniscidia* Swainson, 1840 (an incorrect subsequent spelling for *Oniscia* Sowerby, 1824) (Name No. 2059);
- (b) *Oniscidia* Gray, 1847 (an incorrect subsequent spelling for and published in synonymy of *Oniscia* Sowerby, 1824) (Name No. 2060).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1983)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. W. O. Cernohorsky in October 1971. Mr. Cernohorsky's application was sent to the printer on 12 January 1972 and was published on 1 May 1972 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* 29 : 41–42. Further remarks on this case by the applicant were published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* 30 : 3–4, and a comment by P. A. Maxwell and A. G. Beu was also published (*Bull.* 30 : 4).

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 September 1974 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (74)11 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* 29 : 42, and modified in *Bull.* 30 : 4. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 6 December 1974 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—sixteen (16), received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Vokes, Lemche, Willink, Eisenmann, Mayr, Rohdendorf, Tortonese, Habe, Bayer, Heppell, Nye, Alvarado, Ride

Negative votes—one (1): Simpson

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Brinck

Late affirmative votes were returned by Drs. Corliss, Sabrosky and Starobogatov. Dr. Dupuis returned a late voting paper and abstained.

Voting Papers not returned—four (4): Kraus, Munroe, Erben, Bernardi

In returning his voting paper, Professor G. G. Simpson wrote (25.ix.74): "The argument that *Oniscidia* Mörch was not a repetition of Swainson's misspelling is unconvincing. Mörch himself attributed it to Swainson. The same applies to *Oniscidia* H. & A. Adams. Cernohorsky, Maxwell and Beu have not given evidence as to current usage. If usage does support conserving *Oniscidia* this could be done by suspension of the rules and use of the plenary powers on other grounds than those presented."

Dr. C. Dupuis (received 2.i.75) commented: "Abstention. Etant donné l'exemple donné par Beu à propos de l'opinion 989, j'estime qu'il faut attendre."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index given in the present Opinion:

cancellata, *Oniscia*, Sowerby, G. B., I, 1824, *The Genera of Recent and Fossil Shells*, (24), London: No pagination, but follows plate 233

Morum Röding, 1798, *Mus. Bolten* (2) Hamburg: 53

Oniscidia Gray, 1847, *Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.* pt. 15: 137

Oniscidia Mörch, 1852, *Catalogus Conchyliorum quae reliquit D. A. d'Aguirra & Gadea, Comes de Yoldi* etc., Hafniae: 111

Oniscidia Swainson, 1840, *A Treatise on Malacology* etc., London: 299
oniscus, *Strombus*, Linnaeus, 1767, *Syst. Nat.* ed. 12: 1210

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (74)11 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1040.

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Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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